

WEEK IN LABOR CIRCLES

Matters of Interest to Organized Workmen of the District.

MEETINGS FOR THIS WEEK.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16.

District Assembly No. 66, Executive Committee—Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street, 11 o'clock.
Theater Stage Employees—K. of P. Hall, 425 Twelfth street.
Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101—Typographical Temple.
Labor Day Excursion Committee—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17.

L. A. 1195, K. of L., Masonic and Eucletic—The Layers—Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street.
Lithographers International Protective and Beneficial Association—Monumental Hall, Second and Pennsylvania avenue.
L. A. 1644, K. of L., Plasterers—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

L. A. 1748, K. of L., Carpenters and Joiners—Society Temple, Fifth and G streets.
L. A. 1046, K. of L., Bakers—Bakers' hall, 314 Eighth street.
Central Labor Union—Typographical Temple, B. p. m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Federation of Labor—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.
Building Trades Council—Electrical Workers' hall, 508 Eleventh street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19.

Galvanized Iron and Corrugated Workers—Hall, 737 Seventh street.
L. U. No. 1, Carpenters, Joiners, and Stairbuilders—Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street.
Columbia Lodge, No. 174, Machinists—McCauley's hall, Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

Beer Bottlers' Association—Costello's hall, Sixth and G streets.
Barbers' Association—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Horsehoofers' Union—Wom's hall, Fifth street, between and streets.
Plumber Laundry Workers' Assembly—L. O. M. hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.
L. A. 1572, K. of L., Shoe Clerks—Beuna Vista Club house, Sixth street, between G and H streets.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

District Assembly, No. 66, K. of L.—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.
L. U. No. 130, Broomholders—Carpenters' hall, 627 Massachusetts avenue.
L. B. No. 10, Steam and Hot Water Fitters—K. of P. hall, 425 Twelfth street.
Fresco Painters—1236 Twelfth street.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21.

Stonecarvers' Union—Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.
L. A. 1798, K. of L., Journeyman House Painters—Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street.
L. A. 4296, K. of L., Electricians—Assembly of Steam Engineers—Bunch's hall, 314 Eighth street.

L. A. 1370, K. of L., Franklin Assembly—Hall, 609 P. street.
L. A. 2572, K. of L., Excelsior Assembly—Typographical Temple.
Marine Association of Steam Engineers—Mariners' hall, Seventh street southwest.
Electrical Workers—508 Eleventh street.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22.

Cigar Makers' Union, No. 110—737 Seventh street northwest.
Street Railway Assembly—Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street.
L. U. No. 116, Bakers and Confectioners—227 Seventh street.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

The regular weekly meeting of the Federation of Labor was held on last Tuesday evening. With President McGowan in the chair, Secretary Madison recorded the proceedings. Owing to the intensely hot weather, and to facilitate business, the roll call of delegates was dispensed with. Credentials were presented from the Butchers', Electric and Structural Iron Workers', and other District Assemblies and other delegates duly obligated.

The principal matter of interest before the meeting was the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the charge that the eight-hour law was being violated on the work of repairs on the Washington school building. The committee had been interviewed and it has been ascertained beyond a doubt that the men were working more than eight hours per day. After securing the names of a number of witnesses the committee had consultation with the District attorney, with the result that a warrant had been sworn out for the arrest of Mr. Winfree, the contractor, which had been served. A jury trial had been demanded, which meant that the case would be postponed for about two weeks. The action of the committee was approved and it was further resolved to continue the work of securing more evidence.

Secretary Madison stated that at the request of the committee he had written to the Commissioners requesting to be furnished with a copy of the contract entered into with Mr. Winfree. The chief clerk of the Commissioners had answered the request by stating that owing to the limited force of clerical help it would not be convenient to furnish a copy, but the Federation would be allowed the privilege of making a copy if it sent any one to do the work. The secretary was instructed to see that this was done.

The necessity of securing a conviction under the law was considered very important and the number of the delegates were of the opinion that a lawyer should be engaged to get up the evidence in proper shape for the convenience of the District attorney. The committee stated, however, that Mr. Muldowney, who will prosecute the case, did not wish any assistance from outside parties. It was, therefore, decided to leave the case entirely to Mr. Muldowney's hands. The delegates stated that their action was through no want of confidence in the ability of the prosecuting attorney, as the Federation had ample proof of his efficiency in the able manner in which he prosecuted the case against Contractors McGowan, but it had been thought that through press of business he might not have time to look up all the evidence. It was further stated that emergency would be pleaded by the defense, on account of the time limit of the contract.

The Federation failed to see, however, how much a jury could be justified, as the contractors were not on the terms of the contract before assuming the same, so it was decided, by the District attorney.

The decision in the case will be watched with much interest by organized labor, not only in this city, but throughout the country. Many attempts have been made to secure a good case so as to test the law, but without success. The present case, it is believed, will prove to be an exception, as from all indications it is the strongest yet presented.

tion of Saturdays and the eve of holidays. The rest of the stores had agreed to close provided the Crawford shoe company could be induced to conform to the agreement. A committee was appointed to wait on the Crawford firm and request that they not stand in the way of the movement.

It was stated that the awarding of the painting contract of the third floor of the Treasury building would be made on Thursday, August 13, and that among the bidders for the work was an alien, who had resided in this country for the past twenty-five years. A special committee was appointed to wait on Secretary Carlisle and protest against the bid of the alien being accepted.

Delegates from Gambrius Assembly denied that their assembly had given up their charter in the Knights of Labor or their charter, No. 118, of the United Brotherhood of Workers. They said they had and had never even considered the question at any of their meetings of severing their affiliation with the Federation of Labor or the District Assembly.

The manager of the Labor Bureau announced that the regular monthly meeting of the Federation of Labor will be held on Saturday in each month. Delegates of the Federation and the members of the local organizations were fraternally invited to attend and participate in the proceedings.

Quite an interesting report was made from the Labor Day excursion committee. An elaborate program of amusements had been prepared, including a "hydrocyle" race from Marshall Hall to River View between two members of the committee and two members of the Carpenters' executive committee. The committee further stated that, just from the sale of tickets, a handsome amount would be secured and added to the Rea memorial fund.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in the Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue, on Sunday morning, August 16, at 10 o'clock.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY.

The local assemblies of the Knights of Labor of this jurisdiction were well represented at the weekly meeting held on last Tuesday evening. At present, the meeting was held on Tuesday evening, August 11, at 8 o'clock. H. G. Simmons occupied the chair and called the meeting to order promptly at 8 o'clock.

In his opening address the master workman requested a full attendance at the next meeting, when the election of delegates to the annual General Assembly will take place. He also stated that at the next meeting whether or not the full quota of representatives would be sent to represent the District Assembly. Notices had been sent to all of the local assemblies informing them of the election, and it was expected that every local would be represented by a full delegation.

The master workman gave the name of a prominent merchant who had called on him to make explanations of the conditions by which he was surrounded, and which, in his opinion, was the cause of his name appearing on the unfair list. The merchant was anxious that the difference be settled, as he had no desire to antagonize organized labor of the District. The matter was referred to the executive committee for adjustment.

The consideration of the case against Contractor Winfree, charged with violations of the eight-hour law, took up considerable time. The job was being watched every day and the contractor seemed to be very determined in continuing to work his men more than eight hours per day. The committee was securing evidence for every day that the law was being violated. It was further stated that the rumor that Mr. Winfree was violating the law on an other school building had been investigated and found to be erroneous, as the men on that job worked only eight hours per day.

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The executive committee gave a synopsis of the week's work. As several of the cases referred to the committee were on the verge of a settlement, they were thought best to make a full report at this time.

The agitation committee announced that a meeting would be held in Plasterers' hall on Sunday immediately after the close of the excursion conference meeting. It was further stated that the report would be ready by next Thursday night.

Delegates from the Butchers, stated that the members of their assembly would observe Labor Day by having an all-day picnic in the woods with their families. The Butchers further stated that no settlement had been reached with Schneider, the Seventh street road butcher. At the last meeting their newly elected officers had been installed and it had been decided to change the time of holding meetings from Thursdays to the second and fourth Sundays in each month at the rooms of the Labor Bureau, 314 Eighth street.

Shoe Clerks called attention to their 6 o'clock closing movement and requested the delegates to bring the matter to the attention of their organization, with the further request that they and their families do all the shopping before 6 o'clock.

The executive committee stated that a session would be held in the rooms of the Labor Bureau on Sunday morning at 12 o'clock.

LABOR DAY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

All arrangements for the Labor Day excursion are practically made. At the last meeting of the committee representatives were present from all of the local organizations affiliated with the local Federation and the District Assembly.

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A lengthy program was submitted by the committee on amusements. It included a "hydrocyle" race, a boat race, foot and boat races, basketball game between two teams composed of members of the Plasterers' and Timers' Assemblies. Among the special attractions will be ladies' boat and swimming race. A challenge has also been issued to Messrs. O'Donoghue, of the Carpenters' Assembly, from Messrs. Lawson and McIver, of the conference committee, for a hydrocyle race from Marshall Hall to River View and return. The report of the committee was amended so as to include bicycle, sack, and barrel races.

The committee on tickets reported that they were disposing of them very rapidly and from the present indications the excursion would be a grand success. In the opinion of the committee, not only would a sufficient number of tickets be secured to accomplish the purpose of the excursion—erecting a monument to the late E. J. Rea and wife—but that a handsome surplus would be turned over to the Labor Bureau.

The executive presented the following appeal, which was approved and ordered to be given to the press:

"In view of the fact that the law making Labor Day a national holiday was formulated by workmen and solely by their efforts became a law, and considering the very pleasant conditions accompanying it to government clerks, we, the committee having in charge the excursion to be given Labor Day, do appeal to them in particular, and in general to every individual working for a living, to sustain the efforts of the committee having in charge the Labor Day excursion, by the presence of their families, and by the devotion of a day to the celebration of the memory of the late E. J. Rea, one of the committee whose efforts secured the passage of the law creating Labor Day a national holiday."

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hold today (Sunday) at 10 o'clock in the Plasterers' hall, Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue. Since the regular meeting of the Federation of Labor, and E. J. Rea, master workman of the Knights of Labor, as judges of the race. Also selected Hon. Charles G. Conn, of the Washington Times, as referee. It is thought that the Rea, the fastest steam tug of the United States and the property of Mr. Conn, editor of the Times, will be used for the accommodation of the referee and judges.

The regular meeting of the Carpenters' Assembly, No. 1748, K. of L., was held on last Monday evening, with Master Workman Moran in the chair. Reports were made from the central labor bodies and approved. Proposals for membership were received and referred to the proper committee.

The committee on annual excursion reported that the tickets were now out and were being distributed among the members for sale. It was decided to issue a special "red letter call" for Monday evening, August 17. When matters of special importance to every member are to be laid before the meeting.

Among the communications received was one from the conference committee of the Rea Labor Day excursion, challenging two of the members of the assembly for a contest in a hydrocyle race from Marshall Hall to River View. The assembly agreed to accept the challenge, with the right to name any of its members to engage in the contest, and a committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements.

NOTES ABOUT LABOR.

Wheeling butchers paraded.

A "frisco" cat washes windows.

There are fewer carriage shafts.

Milwaukee brewers won a strike.

No Sunday street cars at Toronto.

No typesetting machines in Austria.

Parisians are 30,000 horses last year.

"Frisco" tax rate is \$1.05 on the \$100.

Detroit carpenters' unions amalgamated.

Broom-makers kick against convict labor.

Georgia florists held a State convention.

Newark carpenters want \$2.75 for eight hours.

Evansville, Ind., common laborers get \$1 a day.

Texas Populists want a State Labor Bureau.

Horsehoofers now have a union trade mark.

Toledo printers entertained Columbia composers.

Bloomington, Ind., stone workers struck against a cat.

At Pasadena, Cal., 60 per cent of the workers are idle.

Walter Moore, woolen operatives won a strike against a cat.

Lansing unionists will spend Labor Day at Saginaw mining.

In the Connellville, Pa., coke region 12,000 men are idle.

New cotton men took the places of striking unions at Cincinnati.

Four unions of bakers were organized in New York last week.

The Virginia State Federation of Labor was formed the other day.

A Wheeling firm last week decided to handle union cigars exclusively.

Deer engineers struck for eight hours and \$4 instead of twelve hours.

Duluth freight handlers have joined the Duluthmen's International Union.

Cleveland custom tailors will join the United Garment Workers' Association.

New potatoes are bringing a cent and a half a pound at New Castle, Colo.

Newburyport, Mass., shoemakers struck for the reinstatement of the union leader.

Chicago Brickmakers' Union has divided from 2,500 to 1,500 members.

Wheeling unionists elected that the chief of police would be elected by popular vote.

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DISTRICT SOLDIER BOYS

One Week's News and Gossip Around Local Armories.

The rain Thursday caught the brigade team at the range. Every man, though, was willing to be soaked through for the chance of having it cooler.

If it had not been for the practice at Ordway during the week before, though, it would have been hanging on the door of the armory, for everything in National Guard circles is dead. The superintendent at the armory sets so many times nowadays that he has started opposition work to the Engineers' Black Company B of that battalion built the bridge Capt. Walsh has been envious. So he started out last week to show that engineering ability was not confined to the Engineers Corps. He has put in his spare time and has built a model water tank. He is now busy on a model of a bridge. It has not been for this work he would have been forced to start amusements of some kind to get someone around.

AT THE RANGE.

The shooting at the range during the week was very good, everything taken into consideration. The interest in the practice for the team competition, though, has been very slow. The representatives from Company A, Fourth Battalion, have failed to show up for any of the practice shoots. Capt. Walsh has been unable to get his men out. They cannot leave their work, and the best part of the week for them. So he has most reluctantly given up the idea.

The principal shooting is being done by members of Troop A, Companies A and B, Sixth Battalion, and the Miles Cyclists. Of the other companies, not five men have turned up for practice at any one time. The order issued by the inspector general of rifle practice had its desired effect, and the profanity and rowdiness on the range has been stopped. The shooting of the teams has been very creditable indeed. The contest of the teams shall go on to be decided Wednesday. By that time some of the laggards may get a move on and show up in good style.

The brigade team is doing some excellent work. Dr. Scott has been overhauled some of the team and getting them in good shape. It is very necessary that this should be done, for a small flaw might be the cause of the team losing a match. The rain stopped the practice Thursday, though some of the members of the team remained on target, shooting at the targets. They were soaked and the posters on the targets were washed off. During their shooting the lightning struck the railroad track nearby several times.

In the meantime the range headquarters were filled with the marksmen and some of the older members remembered how they won a match at Creedmore with the New York team years ago. The New Jersey men wanted the match postponed, but the New Yorkers thought they had a cinch on it and insisted on the shooting going on. Iron targets were used and the black paint from the bullets marked a streak clear to the bottom of the target. The District boys did nothing but make bullets, much to their own surprise and the chagrin of the New York contingent. It is to be hoped, though, that they will not have to go through such an experience at Sea Girt this fall.

MUST BE SKIRMISHERS.

Neither of the regimental teams has been chosen yet. In the Second Regiment Col. Clay, in making his selections, was largely guided by the ability of the marksmen on the skirmish run. This is the run of the skirmish, and it is a run who drops down at known distances, but who is a good skirmisher can pull up 15 or 20 points easily. The best skirmishers will be the prize.

Capt. Bell, inspector of rifle practice, Second Regiment, told a number of the boys all about this the other day, and talked very frankly. "Some of you," he said, "expect to be on the regimental team. I will tell you right now if any of you want a place on it at Sea Girt you must come to the range and show me what you can do. If you cannot skirmish you cannot get on the regimental team."

The Engineers, who intended to send two regimental teams to Sea Girt, have decided to drop out. A special meeting of the corps has been called for Wednesday evening and the matter will be fully discussed. It has been found that a number of the men could not go and this has broken up the combination. One company team from the Engineers will be present anyhow and two will go if they can shoot well enough to capture one of the best places.

The improvements at Ordway are being pushed right along. Capt. King is hustling matters as he only can hustle them. The lockers will be ready for use this week. They will be a great accommodation. The boys no longer need to carry out their guns or their shooting suits. If the station is changed from Maryland to Ordway there will be nothing left to ask.

The free ammunition question is causing some little trouble in the Guard. Some inspectors of rifle practice are complaining that they find it difficult to make some guardsmen understand that the gratuitous issue of ammunition is not general. The inspector general of rifle practice says that when the requisition blanks were sent to the inspectors the officers were carefully instructed that the cartridges were to be given only to those officers and enlisted men whose shooting showed signs of weakness and who had not yet enjoyed experience sufficient to make them reasonably safe. It was intended that the requisition should be given to men who know how to shoot, and who have good scores to their credit already. The free ammunition movement was organized for the benefit of the weak shots, who, by careful coaching, might be encouraged to develop into first-class shooters. It is understood that requisitions presented hereafter by men who are known to be fairly well educated in the art of rifle practice will be held up at the office.

AMBULANCE CORPS DRILL.

The Ambulance Corps is making hay during this sunny weather. Monday night the men were trained in practice work at the hospital. The ambulance corps are all up in the work and only need a chance to show that their theory could be put into practice. Lieut. W. G. Fales was in command. He drilled the men in the best method of resuscitation in drowning cases. It was selected for the ambulance corps and has made up one of its own, a kind of composite plan. A number of the patrons at the beach were only too glad to volunteer their services and the drill was a decided success. It will be followed by others.

The Light Battery is very much exercised over a rumor that they are to be disbanded. Their present guns, so many are to be traded for one-pounder guns, which will be drawn by hand. None of the men like the idea and it will result, they say, if the rumor is true, in complete reorganization of the battery. No one seems to know how much truth there is in the rumor.

Changes are being made in the bayonet scabbard. Orders have been issued that all the old bayonets should be turned in. They will be changed then so that they can be worn on the cartridge belt. At present they are slipped on the leather belt, and cannot be used on the cartridge belt. Instead of the frog, there will be a brass hook. In the regular army, with

the new gun, the cartridge box is to be done away with. The cartridges are small enough to admit of two rows of pockets. The "old" boxes, and the "old" boxes with a dress coat as well as with a blouse. The Guard is having its equipments fashioned after those of the regulars as nearly as possible.

NOTES FROM THE COMMANDS.

The following commissions have been received at headquarters, and a number of them mailed: First Lieut. Schuyler C. Stokes, inspector rifle practice, Second Battalion; First Lieut. Arthur A. Breyer, inspector rifle practice, First Battalion; Capt. Charles S. Domes, First Lieut. Lee B. Mosher, and Second Lieut. W. W. Morner, Company C, Second Battalion, the Fendicks, and First Lieut. E. Y. Corington and Second Lieut. Frank W. Robinson, Company C, First Separate Battalion.

The transfer of Private J. H. Adams from Company A, Engineers, to Company C, First Battalion, has been made. Major Campbell, of the Fourth Battalion, will put in this week at the camp of the Vermont National Guard.

Companies A, B, and C of the Fifth Battalion, are discussing a practice march early in September. The intention is to go out on the Saturday night before Labor Day and spend Sunday and Monday in camp. The march will be under the command of Capt. Jenkins, Riverside, Md., is the most popular point yet discussed for the march, and the Corps of Field Music, is spending a week among friends in Virginia.

The excursion of the Emmets to Marshall Hall last Sunday was a great success. About 200 people were in attendance and the boys made a neat little sum. Capt. Walsh, Company A, Fourth Battalion, leaves tomorrow for a week's trip to Philadelphia. He will take his wife and family that far on a trip to Pittsburgh. During his absence Capt. Hodgson will have command of the battalion.

Lieut